

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, on H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, unfortunately, due to an error in the voting process my "Yea" vote was not officially recorded when I cast my vote and was unable to return to the floor in time before the vote closed.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 231.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 22. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 218 (Passage of H.R. 1952, the Inter-country Adoption Information Act): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 219 (Passage of H. Res. 106): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 220 (Ordering the Previous Question): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 221 (Passage of H. Res. 389): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 222 (Passage of H. AMDT, 248 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. BRYAN STEIL): no; Roll Call Vote Number 223 (Passage of H. AMDT, 252 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS): no; Roll Call Vote Number 224 (Passage of H. AMDT, 253 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS): no; Roll Call Vote Number 225 (Passage of H. AMDT, 260 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. HALEY STEVENS): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 226 (Passage of H. AMDT, 263 to H.R. 1500 offered by Rep. AL GREEN): yes; Roll Call Vote Number 227 (Adoption of Motion to Recommit to H.R. 1500): no; and Roll Call Vote Number 228 (Passage of H.R. 1500, the Consumers First Act): yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, had I been present on Tuesday May 21, 2019 and Wednesday May 22, 2019, I would have voted in the following way: Yes on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule H. Res. 389, Yes on H. Res. 389 Rule Providing for Consideration of both H.R. 1500—Consumers First Act and H.R. 1994—Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019, No on the Steil Amendment to H.R. 1500, No on the Burgess #6 Amendment to H.R. 1500, Yes on the Stevens Amendment to H.R. 1500, Yes on the Green Amendment to H.R. 1500, No on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1500 and Yes on Final Passage of H.R. 1500.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast votes on May 23. Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on Roll Call No. 222, yea on Roll Call No. 223, yea on Roll Call No. 224, yea on Roll Call No. 225, nay on Roll Call No. 226, yea on Roll Call No. 227, nay on Roll Call No. 228, yea on Roll Call No. 229, yea on Roll Call No. 230 and yea on Roll Call No. 231.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 20, 2019, I was not present

for recorded votes due to air travel delays coming to Washington, D.C. I would have voted: yes on roll call vote No. 218 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1952, as amended), and yes on roll call vote No. 219 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree H. Res. 106).

GLOBAL ELECTORAL EXCHANGE
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, fair, trustworthy, and accountable elections are critical to defending freedom among our international partners and are fundamental to our identity as a nation. The professionalism of election administrators globally is essential for preserving democracy across the world. The Global Electoral Exchange Act gives America a new tool to use in this important work by sending election administrators and officials, including government officials, polling workers, civil society representatives, members of the judiciary, and others who participate in the organization and administration of an election and other American experts abroad to strengthen new democracies and share best practices.

Under our bill, those responsible for administering elections outside of the United States could also come here, observing our own processes and taking valuable lessons back home. By keeping the world safe for our basic values we also help stave off the violence in at-risk democracies that all too often follows poorly-run, unfree elections and that often benefits those would do our nation harm. Put simply, American citizens and businesses are safer when we strengthen good governance and freedom in the world's democracies.

I want to thank my friend and colleague JOAQUIN CASTRO for working with me on this bill in both the 115th and the 116th Congresses, and I applaud his bipartisan leadership and hard work on this important issue.